



Healthcare Roadmap

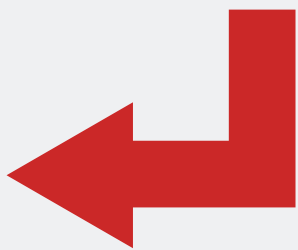
Protecting Patients with Pre-Existing Conditions



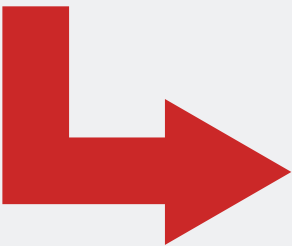
H.R. 986 overrides a Trump Administration directive that allows insurance companies in some states to offer plans that do not meet Affordable Care Act standards for coverage for preexisting conditions. Such plans could allow for patients with pre-existing conditions to be charged more for coverage, offered 'junk plans,' or be denied coverage altogether. HR 986 restores these critical patient protections.

Maximizing Medicaid Expansion

H.R. 584 makes Maine eligible for additional federal funding to expand Medicaid. Since Maine was late accepting expanded Medicaid, it was denied access to the full federal funding available to states that expanded Medicaid when it was first offered. H.R. 584 rewrites the law so that states that join Medicaid expansion late have access to full federal support, no matter when they choose to expand coverage. The bill would give Mainers access to tens of millions of dollars in new funding to support affordable care.



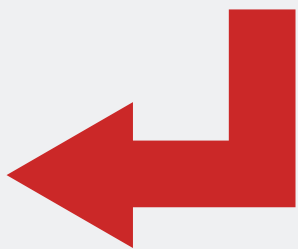
Lowering Prescription Drug Costs



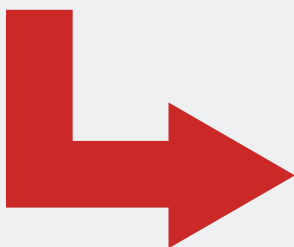
H.R. 1188 punishes pharmaceutical companies for abusive price spikes on prescription drugs. H.R. 478 which allows Americans to import safe, cheaper drugs from Canada. H.R. 1046, which provides the Secretary of Health and Human Services with the power to negotiate prices of prescription drugs provided under Medicare.

50+ Medicare Buy-in

H.R. 1346 allows Americans between the ages of 50 and 64 to buy into Medicare. People who buy into the new plan could reduce their annual premiums by thousands of dollars, crucial progress for middle-aged Maine people who face rising healthcare costs but are not yet of retirement age. The bill also includes important measures to stabilize the Affordable Care Act and improve the delivery of healthcare.



Medicare for All



The Medicare for All Act (not yet assigned a bill number) would transform our healthcare system to provide cost-free healthcare for every American. The bill would address the root causes of rising healthcare costs and finally bring the American healthcare system in line with the rest of the developed world. The legislation would ensure that all Americans — regardless of income or social status — have access to healthcare from preventative services to ambulatory and hospital care. The universal care system implemented under the Medicare for All Act includes coverage for preventative care, vision, dental, and hearing services, as well as long-term care. Golden will become an original cosponsor the legislation when it is introduced in the House.